Deceased prisoner—Chengalam Muhamad.

645. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many previous convictions the deceased prisoner Chengalam Muhamad had in Travancore, British Malabar and Cochin ;

(b) was he not a K. D. of Kottayam Station ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) None in Cochin. As regards Travancore and British Malabar Government have no information.

(b) Yes.

646. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government is aware that the Travancore Government have offered a reward for the arrest of Chengalam Muhamad ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

House-breaking and theft.

647. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any difference in the *modus operandi* of the house-breaking and theft that took place in Ernakulam in 1106 and 1107 and the notorious *modus operandi* of Chengalam Muhamad ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The *modus operandi* in the several house-breaking and theft cases that took place in Ernakulam in 1106 and 1107 are not similar. However in two of the cases of 1106 of Ernakulam Town, entry was effected by making man-holes in the walls. This seems to be the method adopted by Chengalam Muhamad in some of the cases in which he was concerned.

Deceased Chengalam Muhamad.

648. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the deceased Chengalam Muhamad was a terror to the people ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Government have no information.

Arrest of Chengalam Muhamad.

649. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Police Commissioner has received any petition from the subjects of the southern taluks of the State, expressing their sense of relief at the arrest of Chengalam Muhamad ?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Suspension of Police Inspector.

650. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspector who arrested Chengalam Muhamad is not under suspension from 25th February 1932, under orders passed by the Diwan on 22nd February 1932?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes; from the afternoon of 25th February 1932.

Answering of certain questions.

651. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it was not on 25th February 1932 that question Nos. 482, 484 and 485 relating to Chengalam Muhamad were answered in the last session of the Legislative Council?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Police responsible for the arrest of Chengalam Muhamad.

652. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the District Magistrate, who enquired into the conduct of the Police, who were responsible for the arrest and remand of Chengalam Muhamad, recommended any punishment to any of them;

(b) whether the District Magistrate found all or any of them guilty of any misconduct?

Mr. P Nilakanta Menon.—(a) and (b). The District Magistrate's report of enquiry is a confidential one. The information asked for cannot therefore be furnished.

Suspension—Inspector Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar.

653. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any explanation has been called for from Inspector Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar before he was suspended?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No. He was suspended as a result of an enquiry held by the District Magistrate and his explanation has been called for.

654. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police recommended any punishment to Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, whether the Commissioner of Police was at least consulted in the matter of suspension of Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar?

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